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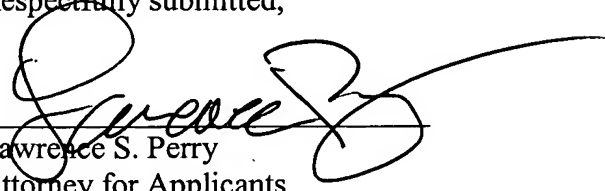
In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions among Groups I-VI noted on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group VI, namely Claim 38, drawn to a method of manufacturing a neuron by culturing a neural stem cell in the presence of the substance that inhibits the activity of GSK-3 to allow neogenesis of the neuron.

The Examiner is also requiring, if Applicants elect one of Groups I-V, Applicants to select for search (i) a disease from claim 3 and (ii) a species from claims 6-14 or 16-18. No such election is required.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

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